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## CAPT. W. S. MULLINS QUIETUDE MARKS DIES AT JACKSON INDEPENDANCE DAY

COMMANDER OF RIFLE-  
MEN EXPIRES AFTER  
OPERATION.

SURPRISE CAUSED  
BY SUDDEN DEATH

Body of Dead Militiaman will  
Be Brought Here and In-  
terred with Military Honors.

Many Columbians were shocked beyond measure yesterday afternoon when a telegram was received here announcing the death of Capt. W. S. Mullins, which occurred at a hospital in Jackson shortly after 4 o'clock Wednesday afternoon, having followed an unsuccessful operation for appendicitis.

Capt. Mullins left here about ten days ago in command of the local company which forms a component part of the Mississippi National Guard and which went to the mobilization camp at Jackson to join other state troops preparatory to an advance to the Mexican border. He was taken ill early in the week, and attending physicians diagnosed his trouble as appendicitis. He was operated on for appendicitis. The operation, however, developed the fact that he was suffering from adhesion of the bowels, and he died under the knife.

The telegram announcing the death of Capt. Mullins was preceded by a message stating that he was in a critical condition, and his brothers-in-law, Mr. V. M. Higgins and Mr. C. Neyman, left immediately for Jackson, but the militiaman died before they reached that city.

Capt. Mullins was about 35 years old and was unmarried. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. W. S. Mullins, R. A. Mullins, a brother and three sisters.

The body will probably reach here

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## SCHOOL BONDS WILL SOON BE READY FOR DELIVERY

FORM IS FIXED AND SENT TO  
NEW ORLEANS TO BE LITH-  
OGRAPHED.

At a regular meeting of the municipal council held Tuesday night the form of bonds in the sum of \$50,000 recently provided for the erection of a high school building was agreed upon, and the bonds sent to New Orleans to be lithographed. As soon as they are returned they will be signed by the proper authorities and turned over to the Interstate Bank and Trust Company, of the Crescent City, which concern has the contract for their purchase.

While the council has tentatively decided to accept the proposition to buy the Stephen D. Lee home as a site for the school, final decision in the matter has not yet been made, and Mr. P. J. Krouse, who has been selected as architect, will arrive in the city today to confer with the city fathers regarding the matter.

## NEGRO IS LYNCHED NEAR PICKENSVILLE

According to news received here from Pickensville, Ala., which is believed to be authentic, Sam Meek the negro who shot and killed Constable Ed Upton near Crawford, Miss., Saturday afternoon, was lynched somewhere near the Alabama town either Sunday or Sunday night.

After having shot the constable Meek also took a shot at Dr. Bledsoe, a physician living near Crawford, who made an ineffectual effort to effect his arrest. The shot went wild, however, and the negro hiked out for the Alabama line, his idea evidently having been to get into another state as soon as possible. A posse started in pursuit, and is said to have overtaken and hanged him at a point near Pickensville either Sunday or Sunday night, though news of the lynching did not reach here until Tuesday.

Mr. Edward Mullen, of Meridian, spent Tuesday here with homefolk.

There Were No Crimes or  
Casualties to Mar Sabbath-  
Like Calm.

With Sublimity simplicity Colum-  
bians and citizens of the contiguous  
territory celebrated last Tuesday,  
the one hundred and fortieth anni-  
versary of the independence of the  
United States as a nation, there hav-  
ing been no ostentatious demon-  
stration of any character and no crimes  
or casualties having taken place to  
mar the serenity of the occasion.

The weather benefitted the seren-  
ity of the people, an early morning  
shower having been followed by a  
clear, sun-lit sky, and had it not been  
for the fact that the moving picture  
show was open a pedestrian saunter-  
ing through the business district  
Tuesday afternoon could easily have  
imagined himself out for his weekly  
Sabbath stroll.

A baseball game which was played  
on the Lake Park diamond between  
teams representing Columbus and  
West Point Tuesday morning claim-  
ed the attention of the lovers of that  
sport, and probably one hundred  
enthusiastic fans journeyed to the  
Clay county capital to see the two  
teams cross bats there in the after-  
noon. Sylvian sports, however, vied  
with baseball as a medium of attrac-  
tion, and many Columbians journey-  
ed to the country to join their huc-  
le brethren in pastoral pastimes.

The amusement program offered  
in surrounding rural districts was a  
most enjoyable one, having in store  
races, picnics, fish-fries, a shooting  
match and other entertainments  
which appeal with much force to  
the gourmet as well as to the  
sybarite. A shooting match and bar-  
becue given under the auspices of  
the Magowah Gun Club on the  
Cochman plantation a few miles  
west of the city and a barbecue giv-  
ing at Waverly by employees of  
the Southern Railway shops were two  
of the most prominent rural enter-  
tainments, and in addition to these  
numerous private parties enjoyed  
outings of varied character in many  
different places throughout the  
county.

## FRENCH AND ENGLISH CONTINUE BIG OFFENSIVE

FRENCH MAKE FURTHER AD-  
VANCES, BUT ENGLISH  
MOVE SLOWLY.

London, July 4.—French troops,  
operating with the British in the  
Somme region, have straightened  
their lines by the capture of Bar-  
leux and Estrees, and are advanc-  
ing on a considerably wider front to  
wards Peronne. At Estrees, where  
500 prisoners were taken the fight-  
ing is still going on furiously.

On the British end of the line,  
slight progress has been made at  
some points. Unofficial dispatches say  
the entire British front of 90 miles  
is bearing its full share of the bat-  
tle, but it is toward the south that  
the heaviest fighting is under way.

A high British officer is authority  
for the statement that artillery prepa-  
rations will precede infantry at-  
tacks, as the resourcefulness, deter-  
mination and fighting qualities of  
the Germans, as well as the power of  
their defenses, are well recognized.

Although the French are making  
a steady advance in the Somme sec-  
tor, without apparently heavy cas-  
ualties, and now face an easier task,  
according to expert opinion, to reach  
their objective, the river itself, the  
Verdun army is engaged in particu-  
larly heavy fighting, the Germans  
not having permitted the battle of  
the Somme to interfere with their op-  
erations for the capture of the great  
fortress.

The Germans have taken the Thim-  
mort work the fourth time after a  
terrific bombardment and by massed  
artillery. Around the work, which has  
been the scene of desperate attacks  
and counter attacks for many days  
past, thousands of men have fallen,  
for this is a position which is essen-

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—Hodge in Spokane Spokesman-Review.

## HAPPENINGS OF INTEREST GATHERED HERE AND THERE

GIST OF NEWS FROM OVER  
THE COUNTRY GIVEN IN A  
BRIEF FORM.

Secretary McAdoo reported Sat-  
urday that the balance in the United  
States treasury is \$174,956,231.97,  
the largest since 1908. The surplus  
for 1916 was \$78,737,810.11, as  
compared with 1915's \$59,436,580-  
15 deficit. Income tax amounted from  
\$79,000,000 to \$124,867,430.28; in-  
ternal revenue receipts, increased  
phenominally to \$512,740, 769.58.

El Paso is to become the largest  
artillery station in the United States,  
according to newly formulated plans,  
and the formation of a skeleton brig-  
ade of field artillery under Colonel  
Grander Adams, of the Fifth Field  
Artillery, is already under way. It  
will be composed of the First and  
Fifth Massachusetts artillery, and  
the Connecticut and Rhode Island  
batteries.

V. D. Burnell, coxswain of the  
cruiser Boston, and L. Blom, ship's  
blacksmith, were so badly injured at  
Portland, Ore., on the Fourth of  
July by the premature explosion of  
a six-pound shell which they were  
preparing to fire that the former  
later died, and Blom is in a serious  
condition.

New Orleans brokers have obtained  
the contract from the United  
States for furnishing rice for the  
100,000 troops now being sent to  
the border. In the bidding for the  
coffee contract St. Louis won over  
New Orleans by a small fraction.

A petition to submit the new  
liquor law to a referendum vote is in  
circulation in Meridian and is being  
liberally signed. Only 6,000 names  
are required to put the matter be-  
fore the electorate and there is little  
doubt that in a short while the state  
will see a red hot prohibition cam-  
paign.

The army appropriation bill, as  
revised by the Senate military com-  
mittee and ordered reported Mon-  
day, carries three hundred and twen-  
ty-eight million dollars. This is an  
increase of one hundred and forty-  
six million over the bill as passed by  
the house. Senators declared the  
heavy increase essential because of  
the reorganization of the army and  
militia and the necessity of equip-  
ment in the Mexican emergency.  
For aviation and ordnance the com-  
mittee increase aggregate about forty  
million over the House appropri-  
ation.

## Road Bonds Sold.

The board of supervisors of  
Lowndes county on yesterday sold  
to Spitzer, Rorick and Company, of  
Toledo, Ohio, bonds in the sum of  
\$50,000 for road improvement work  
in the second district, and bonds for  
the sum of \$40,000 for similar work  
in the first district. The second dis-  
trict bonds sold at par with accrued  
interest to date of delivery, to bear  
interest at the rate of 5 1/2 per  
cent, while the first district bonds  
sold under the same conditions, bear-  
ing interest at the rate of 6 per  
cent.

## HIGHTOWER TALKS ON CHANGE AT A. & M.

DECLARES HIS RECORD GOOD,  
AND BLAMES POLITICAL  
TRICKERY.

Jackson, Miss., July 4.—The fall-  
ure of the board of trustees of the  
Mississippi Agricultural & Mechan-  
ical College to re-elect George H.  
Hightower president of the college,  
and the slating of State Superin-  
tendent W. H. Smith to fill the po-  
sition, has evoked a statement from  
President Hightower in which he  
points out the material results which  
have accrued to the institution since  
his tenure of office began. He says  
in part:

"During the period 20 years pre-  
vious to my incumbency, 'said Pres-  
ident Hightower, 'the records  
showed the cost of educating each  
student was 29 per cent. higher. A  
new standard has been set at the  
college in every department that  
will cause a new era to be written  
for the institution.

"I am happy in the fact that my  
record has been one of benefit to  
the college. I do not seriously con-  
sider my losing out so much but as  
to the manner of political trickery  
that has been manifest in this action.  
It is sufficient to bring shame to the  
face of every honest Mississippian."

## SOUTHERN SHOP EMPLOYEES SPEND FOURTH AT WAVERLY

SECOND ANNUAL PICNIC IS  
HELD AND TWO BALL GAMES  
ARE ENJOYED.

Nearly two hundred people went  
on a special train to Waverly, nine  
miles northwest of Columbus, on  
Tuesday and took part in the second  
annual picnic given by the Southern  
Railway in Mississippi shop em-  
ployees. Not only was the dinner a  
feature, but an interesting program  
was rendered two ball games were  
played and swimming fishing hunt-  
ing and racing were enjoyed.

In the early morning a very inter-  
esting program was rendered, an ad-  
dress of welcome having been deliv-  
ered by Hon. D. L. Ervin. Several  
young ladies next gave readings and  
received prizes, after which "The  
Star Spangled Banner" and "Dixie"  
were rendered by the Shop and  
Roundhouse Quartettes.

From 11 to 12:30 races of differ-  
ent kinds were enjoyed, after which  
dinner was served.

In the afternoon two exciting ball  
games were played between the  
Columbus Shops and the Fipley  
Yard team from Birmingham, the  
first having been won by the locals  
by a score of 4 to 0, and the second  
ending in favor of the visitors by a  
score of 2 to 1. Atkins, who pitched  
both games for the Columbus team,  
was featured in the first game by strik-  
ing out eleven men and allowing  
only four hits. He was given good  
support by Jamison, who caught.

## INSURANCE AGENTS ENJOY BANQUET AT GILMER HOTEL

REPRESENTATIVES OF LIFE &  
CASUALTY COMPANY OF  
TENNESSEE DINE.

Mr. J. E. Acuff, of Nashville, sec-  
ond vice-president of the Life and  
Casualty Company of Tennessee, en-  
tertained local representatives of the  
company at a delightful banquet at  
the Gilmer Hotel Monday night. Mr.  
Acuff is making a tour of inspection  
throughout this section, and took ad-  
vantage of his visit to Columbus to  
entertain the local employees.

Mr. B. E. Seal is in charge of the  
local field as district superintendent  
and has under him an efficient  
corp of energetic and enterprising  
solicitors. Although Mr. Seal has  
been in charge of the local company  
only a few months he has been with  
the company a number of years and  
enjoys to the fullest extent the con-  
fidence and esteem of its executive  
officers.

An interesting feature of the ban-  
quet was an address by Mr. Acuff in  
which the policies of the company  
were succinctly outlined, and short  
talks were also made by several of  
the agents. Those present were: Mr.  
J. E. Acuff, second vice-president;  
Mr. B. E. Seal, district superintendent;  
Mr. W. Y. Randle, district agent  
at Starkville; Messrs. G. O. Trull,  
L. D. Childers, Thad Kilpatrick, W.  
T. Mayfield, agents, and Mr. George  
O. Senter, editor of the Commercial.

## Elks Donate to Charity.

Columbus Lodge No. 555 Benevo-  
lent and Protective Order of Elks, at  
its last regular meeting donated \$10  
from its charity fund to assist the  
Salvation Army in its charitable work  
in this city. Capt. and Mrs. Ed.  
Summers, officers in charge of the  
Columbus branch of the Army, wish  
to publicly thank the Elks for their  
liberality.

Mr. W. A. Brown, Miss Elizabeth  
Brown and Miss Bessie Smith, of  
Meridian, and Miss Eleanor Jones,  
of Macon, arrived in the city yester-  
day in Mr. Brown's car, and are the  
guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Lipsey.  
They expect to return home today  
accompanied by Miss Sarah Lipsey,  
who will visit Miss Edith Brown for  
several days.

Mr. F. E. Resler of St. Louis, was  
a visitor to the city yesterday. His  
daughter, Miss Lucile Resler, will  
spend several days here the guest of  
friends.

Mrs. G. R. Neuman's numerous  
friends are glad to know that she is  
improving after several weeks' ill-  
ness.

Mr. Tom O'Gwynn, the popular  
yard master for the M and O, at  
Artesia, spent yesterday in the  
city on business.

The following gentlemen, who  
composed the committee on arrange-  
ments, deserve much credit for the  
way in which the affair was han-  
dled: Messrs. V. R. Wright, D. W.  
Morgan, W. G. Vaughn and W. E.  
Eubanks.

## LOCALS LOSE FIRST GAME TO TUPELO

LEE COUNTY PLAYERS  
WON YESTERDAY BY A  
SCORE OF 5 TO 3.

WEST POINT LOST  
TWO GAMES HERE

Won Second of Double-Head-  
er, Which Was Played on  
Fourth of July.

STANDING OF THE CLUBS.			
	P. W. L.	Pct.	
COLUMBUS	14	8	6 .571
West Point	14	8	6 .571
Aberdeen	13	7	6 .538
Tupelo	13	4	9 .308

Although they got ten scattered  
hits during the game, Columbus yester-  
day afternoon lost the first of a  
series with Tupelo the result being  
5 to 3. Sargent pitched for the locals  
and by him allowing eight hits and  
the team making two errors, the Lee  
county players won easily. West  
Point by defeating Aberdeen in yester-  
day's game by a score of 3 to 2, is  
now tying Columbus for first  
place in the percentage column.

The Columbus players are sched-  
uled for two more games in Tupelo,  
one this afternoon and another to-  
morrow, and will return home Sat-  
urday, on which day they have ar-  
ranged to have a game with a team  
from Vernon, Ala. Vernon is said  
to have one of the fastest bunch of  
players in this section and Box, a  
cousin of Guy Morton, the noted  
Cleveland pitcher, will probably be  
on the firing line for the visitors.

Columbus and West Point played  
here Tuesday morning and the locals  
won the game by the score of 1 to 0.  
The lone run came in the sixth in-  
ning, when with two down and a  
man on third, Boyd hit to short and  
Newton scored. The score of the  
game, which consisted of only seven  
innings, follows:

	R. H. E.
Columbus	000 000 1—1 3 2
West Point	000 000 0—0 4 2

Batteries, Trenchard and Staple-  
ton; Ethridge and Reece. Umpire,  
Smith.

The two teams played at West  
Point in the afternoon, and the game  
was a ten-inning affair, having re-  
sulted in a score of 3 to 2 in favor of

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## LADIES ESPECIALLY INVITED TO WITNESS SHRINE PATROL DRILL

EXHIBITION WILL TAKE PLACE  
ON MAIN STREET ABOUT 11  
O'CLOCK THIS MORNING.

Elaborate preparations are being  
made for the reception of the Mis-  
sissippi Shriners when they stop off  
at Columbus next Saturday en route  
to Buffalo, N. Y., where they go to  
attend the annual convocation of the  
mystic order. The delegation will  
comprise about 20 members of the  
Hamasa Temple at Meridian, and  
will arrive over the Mobile and Ohio  
railroad at 11 o'clock Saturday  
morning, spending one hour here be-  
fore proceeding on their journey.

The party will be accompanied by  
Hamasa Temple band and patrol,  
and the patrol will give a drill on  
Main street immediately after arriv-  
al. The patrol is captained by Col.  
Sam McCants, who was for many  
years an officer in the Mississippi  
National Guard, and is said to be one  
of the best in the state. Ladies are  
extended a special invitation to wit-  
ness the drill.

A large delegation of local Shrin-  
ers will meet the visitors and three  
of them, Messrs. R. A. Carson, J. T.  
Sanford and T. B. Franklin, will ac-  
company the party to Buffalo.

Mr. W. Lansdale Dyer, who for  
some time past has been bookkeeper  
for Messrs. Simon Loeb and Bro.,  
has tendered his resignation and will  
leave soon for Houston, Texas,  
where he goes to accept a lucrative  
and responsible position as cashier  
of the Guaranty State Bank in that  
city. Mr. Dyer is an exceedingly  
clever and competent young man,  
and while we regret to lose him as  
a citizen we join his numerous  
friends in congratulating him upon  
having secured such a splendid po-  
sition.

## CARRANZA'S REPLY IS CONCILIATORY

VERBAL SYNOPSIS OF  
NOTE TO PRESIDENT IS  
GIVEN TO PUBLIC.

V. R. IS LIKELY  
TO BE AVERTED

Peace in Sight and Diplomats  
Take Hopeful View of Sit-  
uation.

Washington, July 4.—General  
Carranza's reply to the two sharp  
notes from the Washington govern-  
ment was at the Mexican embassy  
tonight and a verbal synopsis, made  
public with the arrival of Eliseo  
Arredondo, Carranza's ambassador  
designate, indicated that it was of  
an unexpectedly conciliatory charac-  
ter.

The formal communication ar-  
rived by telegraph early in the day  
and only the fact the Fourth of July  
was being celebrated by all govern-  
ment departments prevented its im-  
mediate delivery. It will be present-  
ed at the state department to-mor-  
row.

Mr. Arredondo himself spent the  
day in the country and upon his re-  
turn declined to discuss his govern-  
ment's attitude as now officially  
stated.

Lacking the text of the note, it  
was impossible tonight to state if it  
will prove acceptable to President  
Wilson. Since the release of the  
American troops taken at Carrizal  
the question at issue between the  
Washington government and General  
Carranza has been narrowed to  
Mr. Wilson's desire for a formal  
declaration of intention toward the  
American expeditionary forces in  
Mexico. The embassy synopsis of  
the new note indicates that a spec-  
ific statement is still lacking.

Only a close study of the reply  
will be necessary to press General

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## GUARDSMEN NOW ON WAY TO BORDER BY THOUSANDS

SUPPLIES OF ALL KINDS ARE  
ALSO BEING RECEIVED  
DAILY.

San Antonio, Texas, July 4.—  
While General Funston and his staff  
were working out the details of plac-  
ing all the troops, both regular and  
guardsmen, on a tactical basis to-  
day, a close scrutiny of movements  
across the international boundary  
line was kept by border command-  
ers. It was feared that the celebra-  
tion of Independence Day in border  
towns might give rise to some in-  
cident capable of growing into a  
clash with Mexicans, but reports  
from all quarters indicated compar-  
ative quiet.

Some excitement was caused here  
when that section of the parade  
which was headed by the acting may-  
or passed. Some one cried that a  
Mexican had insulted the flag, and  
only the arrival of the police saved

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## SEVERE STORM IS RAGING ON COAST

Reports received here last night  
state that a severe rain and wind-  
storm prevailed on the south Atlan-  
tic coast. At Mobile, New Orleans  
and Pensacola the wind is said to be  
going with great velocity and ships  
are reported as being in danger.

Telegraph wires were down in the  
vicinity of all three of the cities  
mentioned above, and it was impos-  
sible to obtain details regarding the  
severity of the storm or the extent  
of damage likely to result therefrom.

While the storm did not reach this  
far north, the element here manifest-  
ed considerable disturbance, a brisk  
wind having prevailed last night.

The local W. C. T. U. will meet  
this afternoon with Mrs. A. B. My-  
rick on South Seventh street at 5:00  
o'clock.